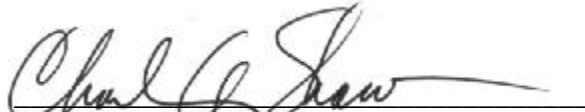


The Court is sympathetic to counsel's quandary. Nonetheless, the Court will not permit counsel to withdraw at this time. Counsel has been unable to contact plaintiff for only a month, and if plaintiff is interested in prosecuting this action he will presumably make efforts to contact counsel. In addition, if plaintiff did not appear for his deposition and cannot be reached in order to respond

to discovery, the defendants could move for sanctions under Rule 37, Fed. R. Civ. P., and if so, counsel will be able to inform the Court of plaintiff's status at that time.

Accordingly,

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that appointed counsel's motion for leave to withdraw counsel is **DENIED** without prejudice. [Doc. 27]

  
**CHARLES A. SHAW**  
**UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**

Dated this 17th day of May, 2006.